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Nazim Hikmet, Turkish Communist poet, who escaped to Rumania in June 1951, has organized a "Democratic Office for the Near and Middle East" in Sofia, Bulgaria, which will have an intelligence as well as a propaganda function. The "Office" is composed of a "Democratic Committee" headed by Hikmet. Members of the Committee are Sidki Tuncu, Torgut Deliorman, and Fahri Ardinci, Turkish journalists who fled from Turkey to the USSR in April 1951.¹ Also in the Committee are Hasan Mustafa and Arif Kudah from Syria, and Arif Tarik from Iraq.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] these three departed from the USSR at an unspecified date; Tuncu came to Beirut, Deliorman went to Iraq and Ardinci went to Aleppo.

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